

Frequently Asked Questions During COVID-19 Suspended Services:
Civil Cases Procedures During Emergency Conditions

All San Diego Superior Court locations will be closed to the public through April 30, 2020, except as to those matters listed in the General Orders of the Presiding Department, Order Nos. 031820-34, 031920-35, 032420-36 and 040220-39.

All matters scheduled to be heard between March 17, 2020, and April 30, 2020, will be continued to a new date. As additional information becomes available, it will be posted to our website.

Q: What Civil Court services are currently available?

A: Please be advised that between March 17, 2020, through April 30, 2020, the only Civil Court services available during this period are:

- Chamber ex parte requests for civil harassment, elder abuse, school violence and workplace violence TROs, and Gun Violence Protective Orders.
- Emergency ex parte applications to stay lockout proceedings (UD).
- Petitions for writ seeking emergency relief in unlawful detainer matters.
- Emergency writs challenging COVID-19 emergency measures.
- Writs of habeas corpus challenging medical quarantines.

Q: When will my case be re-scheduled?

A: Previously set hearings, including trials, that do not meet the criteria noted above, will be rescheduled. At this time, continuance dates have not yet been confirmed. Pursuant to the Statewide Order by Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye, issued March 23, 2020, all scheduled jury trials are hereby suspended and will be continued for a period of at least sixty (60) days. For additional information on jury trial suspensions, please refer to a copy of Hon. Tani G. Cantil-Sakauye's order posted on this Court's website. You will receive a notice regarding your new hearing/trial date once this information becomes available.

Q: Is the Court still accepting paper and e-File documents?

A: The San Diego Superior Court has suspended the acceptance of paper and e-File documents in the Civil Business Office. The exception to this are paper filings related to the hearing types listed above. Filings that were submitted prior to the Court's closure will be honored for the date they were received. Any items received after the closure will be honored for the date the Court reopens.

Please refer to General Order 040220-39 and the Court's website (www.sdcourt.ca.gov) for up-to-date information.